

War is a Serious Undertaking

for a Nation and should be considered in every phase, but not more so than the selection of a site and home to one of its citizens.



THIS HOUSE, one of two, pretentious looking, which we erected some two years ago, has all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, bath, etc., as have all our houses at HOME PLACE. We have some lots around them which are on Main street, only one square west of the electric line, that we can sell for \$10 per front foot.

Near the Lee monument, twelve squares away, within easy sight, land sells for from \$100 to \$200 per front foot. Where about Richmond are such prices demanded for lots, and obtained?

The facts are, the people have longed for westward homes since the day when Monroe Park was a fair-ground, until the goal for a home site, as a place to live, or as an investment, is known to be the West End, hence these fancy prices.

The character of the houses we build at HOME PLACE, with granite curbing and granite walks, now being put down, and price of lots, will be a boon for one simply looking for investment, even.

Facts are stubborn things, and five years ago the above assertions, made to one who had not carefully watched Richmond's westward growth, and before HOME PLACE had its birth, would have been looked upon with suspicion; but a duck takes to water no more naturally and persistently than the West End goes forward—hard times or not.

THIS HOUSE, just as it appears here, costs from \$2,500 to \$3,000, 6 years' credit. Kings sometime seek solitude, probably because birth to them proves the richness of their blood, and it is said that distance lends enchantment, but where among the sensible masses does not association and neighborly communication count for life itself? To live where electric car service brings you to the heart of a beautiful city within ten minutes, and this every two and a half minutes, nicely heated, that stop at every corner, between two lines that jointly compete for traffic, assuring the community that no one has to be subjected to soulless and arbitrary corporations or edicts that rarely fail to follow absolute power, such as only stopping once in a mile to take on a passenger, and riding in unheated cars, with doors wide open half the time, in dead of winter, especially if you should be an early passenger and not wearing skirts; the charging of an extra fare as often as they see fit, and no appeal; the dropping of a passenger in the middle of a vast prairie without vestige of protection from wind and rain, to wait for another car to take you on, while the car that brought you returns before your eyes, to catch a few more five-cent pieces.

What a picture is the above, and who is there that does not know every word is true, that has had any experience? Who would not be anxious to locate here? Could the grand old parliamentarian refrain and have his attention called to these things, where a million dollars must have been dropped, which would have been a monument to his memory, would he wonder that in five years ten bona fide customers have not appeared to buy homes, and those only such can afford to own?

THIS HOUSE shows you what can be done if necessity compels; but \$1,250 should be the price, to assure you first-class construction. We have a few lots only, where a frame house would be suited to the surroundings, which we will sell for \$10 per front foot. Some of them look down on the church steeple of Richmond, and are in direct line of the triumphal march of the West End's phenomenal growth.

Some think land is held high in the West End, so seek something cheaper. Mark you, this lot above cited should be rated at double—or \$22 per front foot—to be as high in price as some that you can buy from \$5 to \$10.

There is a steady hand on this property, and you have reasonable assurances that your neighbors will not be such as to cause you to regret your purchase of a home here. Perhaps you have no use for a house. Well, then go on paying for the lot at \$10 cash down and \$5 monthly, and when paid for to keep or to sell will be a pleasure to contemplate.

Think of it! About \$1.25 weekly payments secures this gem—interest and all.

Electric are street lights greet you on every side, with graded streets and sidewalks, free mail, grocery, ice, and any other free delivery to be had anywhere.

SOME often think this house looks O. K. on paper, but question its likeness when built. We are just finishing one at HOME PLACE for a customer, in blue granite. Look at it. It stands on a gem of a lot, with plenty more around it, that we sell for \$21 per front foot, on terms of \$50 cash and \$10 monthly payments, simple interest on what you owe from month to month only.

Who ever heard of a stranger loaning you money without interest? Better ask him to loan you his labor without pay.

The above lots are at a low cash value, and when paid for are like so much in the bank to your credit. Violating business principles is like violating obligations. To say with interest means there is no marketable value to what we are selling.

When above lots are paid for, we will, or you may, erect a house of stock brick and granite, or granite and brick, from any plan you choose, which we furnish FREE OF CHARGE. We will furnish granite blocking and granite walks for about half the usual price; set the choicest trees where you desire, and pay three-fifths the cost of walks and curbing, while you pay two-fifths.

Our building facilities enable us to erect improvements 25 per cent. less than is usual elsewhere, and when all is finished to your liking, we take your notes, payable monthly, as rent, running for six years.

The above, if carefully read, gives you full information.

Take either car line, going west—that lands you, on an average, every two and a half minutes at HOME PLACE, opposite the Soldiers' Home.

Consult G. H. A. BALL, daily, after 5 O'clock P. M., at residence opposite Soldiers' Home, to see Plans and Lots.

SWANSON SCORES A STRONG POINT.

Only Four Out of Six Republicans Vote to Unseat Him.

TEN DAYS FOR MINORITY REPORT

Gen. James A. Walker's Body Servant During the War Calls on Him and Offers His Services to Go With Him in the Fight Against Spain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Special.—Only four out of six Republicans of Kentucky Committee No. 2, and the constant for Charles A. Swanson's seat, which was submitted to the House today, those who signed were Thompson, who, chairman of the sub-committee, who, the report, General Walker, Judge Meek and Judge Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Bartlett and Mr. McKean were the two Republicans who refused to sign the resolution, and the following figures show the vote which will be cast by the three Democrats on the committee.

At any rate it looks as if Swanson has scored an important point. The minority has ten days in which to report. It is reported.

GEN. WALKER'S BODY SERVANT.

Gen. J. A. Walker, the senior Republican member of the Virginia delegation in the House, had among his visitors at the Normandy to-night, Henry Jackson, colored, of Virginia. Jackson was with General Walker as a body servant in the Confederate army and he came to Washington today for the purpose of offering his services for the war against Spain. "I feel tonight," said Jackson, "if we are going to war again and you are going to be in it, I want to go along with you."

RICHMOND PEOPLE.

Major James D. Patton arrived from Richmond this evening. Judge Waddill, who was at the Department of Justice today looking after matters pertaining to the judiciary, left for home this evening.

Hon. J. Taylor Edgson is here attending the Democratic banquet on the evening of the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

HONOR THEIR ALMA MATER.

Kentucky Alumni of the University of Virginia Hold the Annual Banquet.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 12.—Special.—The annual banquet of the Kentucky Alumni of the University of Virginia, was held at the Galt House here to-night.

It was a brilliant affair, attended by some of the most distinguished men in this State.

Right Rev. T. U. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky, presided as toast master, and among those who responded were Professor Heath Dabney and C. W. Miller, of the University; Hon. Arthur C. Carter, of the University; and Hon. J. W. Jones, a son of Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, of Virginia.

ALLOWANCES FOR P. O. CATS.

Many Rat Hunters Regularly on the Salary Roll of the Department.

Every large postoffice in the country has an official cat, whose duties are clearly defined. The cats are expected to keep the offices free from rats, and if they do not they are summarily dismissed from the service. George W. Heavers, chief of the Division of Salaries and Allowances, is disposed to be liberal in making appropriations for these cats. In speaking of them to a Sun reporter he said:

"The custom of making allowances for cat meat has been followed by the department for some years. The name of the first postmaster to discover that he needed a cat and then that he could obtain an appropriation for it is not on the records of the department, but some of the most interesting correspondence in our files relates to Tabby and Tom and their sustenance. Some of the offices apply for money to buy cat meat; others feed their

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